

**REMARKS**

Examiner Mai has rejected the originally filed claims 1-8, 11 and 14 of the present application. For the reasons which follow, applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of the Examiner. The applicant does, however, wish to extend appreciation to Examiner Mai for the quite detailed review of the claims of the present invention leading to the finding of patentable subject matter of the originally filed claims of the present application and an indication of the allowability of claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 16 if rewritten.

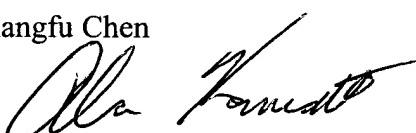
Claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form, including all the recitations of their respective base claims. It is believed that claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 16 and the claims which depend therefrom are in condition for allowance for the reasons recognized by the Examiner. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has cited the United States patents listed in NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED as A, B and F. By the lack of application of these references and others like them within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicant's apparatus for carrying golf clubs which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner, whether those references are taken singly or in any combination, the Examiner is requested to allow claims 2-10, 12, 13, 15 and 16, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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